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| Expenditure category | Seasonally adjusted | | | | | | | Unadjusted 12-mos. ended Aug. '91 | |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|------|------|-----|------|------|------|--|--|
| | Changes from preceding month | | | | | | | | |
| | 1991 | | | | | | | | |
| | Feb. | Mar. | Apr. | May | June | July | Aug. | | |
| All items | .2 | -.1 | .2 | .3 | .2 | .2 | .2 | 2.7 | |
| Food and beverages | .1 | .2 | .7 | .0 | .5 | -.5 | -.2 | -9 | |
| Housing | .5 | .1 | .2 | .2 | .1 | .3 | .0 | 1.5 | |
| Apparel and upkeep | 1.6 | -1.2 | -.2 | .5 | -.1 | .9 | 1.2 | 8.4 | |
| Transportation | -1.1 | -1.0 | -.3 | .7 | .2 | .0 | .4 | 2.6 | |
| Medical care | .7 | .6 | .5 | .6 | .6 | .6 | .8 | 8.2 | |
| Entertainment | .5 | .4 | .7 | .1 | .2 | .4 | .4 | 4.1 | |
| Other goods and services | .7 | .7 | .8 | .2 | .8 | .3 | .9 | 8.5 | |

During the first 8 months of 1991, the CPI-U has advanced at a 2.7 percent seasonally adjusted annual rate (SAAR). In this period, energy costs have declined at a 14.0 percent rate, partially offsetting the increases in the indexes for food and other nonenergy items--up at annual rates of 1.4 and 4.8 percent, respectively.

The index for food and beverages declined 0.2 percent in August. Grocery store food prices declined 0.6 percent in August, following a 1.2 percent decrease in July. Fresh fruit and vegetable prices, which advanced 16.9 percent in the first 6 months of the year, have declined 12.3 percent in the past 2 months, following a 5.4 percent drop in August. Within this category, price decreases of 32.9 and 15.3 percent were reported in August for tomatoes and bananas, respectively. Also contributing to the August grocery store food decline was a 0.1 percent drop in the index for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs. Declines in prices for beef, pork, poultry, and fish and seafood more than offset a 5.1 percent increase in egg prices. Among other grocery store food groups, the indexes for cereal and bakery products and dairy products rose 0.5 and 0.4 percent, respectively. The other two components of the food and beverage index--restaurant meals and alcoholic beverages--increased 0.2 and 0.3 percent, respectively.

The housing component was unchanged on average in August, following a 0.3 percent increase in July. A 0.1 percent increase in shelter costs was offset by declines in the indexes for both household fuels and household furnishings and operations. Within shelter, homeowners' costs and maintenance and repair costs each rose 0.2 percent, more than offsetting a 0.2 percent decline in renters' costs. Residential rents were unchanged, while other renters' costs declined 0.6 percent. The index for household fuels and other utilities declined 0.1 percent in August, reflecting a 0.5 drop in the index for household fuels. Charges for natural gas and electricity declined 1.3 and 0.4 percent, respectively, more than offsetting an 0.8 percent increase in fuel oil prices. The advance in August was the first increase since October 1990, a period in which fuel oil prices declined 30.8 percent. The index for household furnishings and operations turned down in August, declining 0.1 percent.

Transportation costs, which were unchanged in July, increased 0.4 percent in August, largely as a result of an upturn in prices for motor fuels. The index for gasoline, which fell 2.2 percent in July, increased 0.5 percent in August (up 1.1 percent before seasonal adjustment). The cost of purchasing a new automobile turned up in August as new car prices and automobile finance charges each rose 0.2 percent. The rise in the latter index was its first in 6 months. Automobile insurance costs rose 1.2 percent in August, following a 1.3 percent increase in July. Over the past 12 months they have advanced 8.8 percent. On the other hand, used car prices fell 0.2 percent in August after advancing 3.6 percent in the 3-month period ended in July. The index for public transportation rose 0.6 percent in August. Airline fares, which rose 0.9 percent in August after declining 0.3 percent in July, accounted for most of the advance.

The index for apparel and upkeep rose 1.2 percent in August after seasonal adjustment. The earlier-than-usual introduction of higher priced fall and winter merchandise was again largely responsible for this advance.

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The medical care component rose 0.8 percent in August--slightly more than the 0.6 percent average monthly increase during the first 7 months of 1991. This brought the index to a level 8.4 percent above a year ago. The index for medical care commodities rose 0.9 percent, largely due to an increase of 1.3 percent for prescription drugs. The medical care services component advanced 0.8 percent. Within medical care services, the cost of professional services and hospital and related services each rose 0.7 percent.

Entertainment costs rose 0.4 percent in August. A 1.3 percent increase in the index for newspapers accounted for nearly one-quarter of the August entertainment advance.

The index for other goods and services, which rose 0.3 percent in July, increased 0.9 percent in August. Advances in education expenses accounted for about two-fifths of the August increase in this major group. The index for tuition and other school fees increased 1.1 percent and costs of school books and supplies rose 1.0 percent. The cost of tobacco and smoking products rose 0.7 percent in August.

CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W)

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers rose 0.1 percent in August.

Table B. Percent changes in CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W)

| Expenditure category | Seasonally adjusted | | | | | | | Compound annual rate 3 mos. ended Aug. '91 | Unadjusted 12-mos. ended Aug. '91 |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|------|------|-----|------|------|------|--|---|
| | Changes from preceding month | | | | | | | | |
| | 1991 | | | | | | | | |
| | Feb. | Mar. | Apr. | May | June | July | Aug. | | |
| All items | .1 | -.1 | .3 | .3 | .2 | .1 | .1 | 2.1 | 3.6 |
| Food and beverages | .1 | .3 | .7 | .0 | .4 | -.5 | -.2 | -1.2 | 3.0 |
| Housing | .4 | .1 | .1 | .3 | .1 | .2 | .0 | 1.2 | 3.2 |
| Apparel and upkeep | 1.3 | -.8 | -.2 | .2 | .2 | .9 | 1.0 | 8.8 | 4.2 |
| Transportation | -1.4 | -1.0 | .0 | .7 | .2 | -.1 | .4 | 2.3 | 2.4 |
| Medical care | .6 | .6 | .5 | .6 | .6 | .5 | .8 | 8.3 | 8.3 |
| Entertainment | .5 | .4 | .7 | .0 | .2 | .3 | .4 | 3.6 | 4.2 |
| Other goods and services | .5 | .7 | .9 | .2 | .9 | .1 | .6 | 6.7 | 7.5 |

Consumer Price Index data for September 1991 will be released on Thursday, October 17, 1991, 8:30 A.M. (EDT).

A Note on Seasonally Adjusted and Unadjusted Data

Because price data are used for different purposes by different groups the Bureau of Labor Statistics publishes seasonally adjusted as well as unadjusted changes each month.

For analyzing general price trends in the economy, seasonally adjusted changes are usually preferred since they eliminate the effect of changes that normally occur at the same time and in about the same magnitude every year--such as price movements resulting from changing climatic conditions, production cycles, model changeovers, holidays, and sales.

The unadjusted data are of primary interest to consumers concerned about the prices they actually pay. Unadjusted data also are used extensively for escalation purposes. Many collective bargaining contract agreements and pension plans, for example, tie compensation changes to the Consumer Price Index unadjusted for seasonal variation.

Seasonal factors used in computing the seasonally adjusted indexes are derived by the X-11-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Method. The updated seasonal data at the end of 1977 replaced data from 1967 through 1977. Subsequent annual updates have replaced 5 years of seasonal data, e.g., data from 1986 through 1990 were replaced at the end of 1990. The seasonal movement of all items and 47 other aggregations is derived by combining the seasonal movement of 60 selected components. Each year the seasonal status of every series is reevaluated based upon certain statistical criteria. If any of the 60 components change their seasonal adjustment status from seasonally adjusted to not seasonally adjusted, not seasonally adjusted data will be used for the last 5 years, but the seasonally adjusted indexes will be used before that period.

Effective with the calculation of the seasonal factors for 1990, the Bureau of Labor Statistics has used an enhanced seasonal adjustment procedure called intervention analysis for some CPI series. Intervention analysis allows for better estimates of seasonally adjusted data. Extreme values and/or sharp movements which might distort the seasonal pattern are removed from the data prior to calculation of seasonal factors. For the fuel oil and the motor fuels indexes, this procedure was used to offset the effects that extreme price volatility would otherwise have had on the estimates of seasonally adjusted data for those series. For some women's apparel indexes and the girls' apparel index, the procedure was used to offset the effects of changes in pricing methodology; and for new cars, new trucks, and new vehicles, this procedure was used to offset the effects of changes in marketing strategies and the introduction of new models. For the tobacco and smoking products index, this procedure was used to offset the effects of increases in excise taxes and wholesale tobacco prices. A description of intervention analysis, as well as a list of events treated as interventions and seasonal factors for these items may be obtained by writing the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Division of Consumer Prices and Price Indexes, Washington, DC 20212 or by calling Claire McAnaw on (202) 504-2051.

Brief Explanation of the CPI

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. The Bureau of Labor Statistics publishes CPIs for two population groups: (1) a CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) which covers approximately 80 percent of the total population and (2) a CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) which covers 32 percent of the total population. The CPI-U includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups such as professional, managerial, and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force.

The CPI is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and the other goods and services that people buy for day-to-day living. Prices are collected in 85 urban areas across the country from about 57,000 housing units and approximately 19,000 retail establishments-department stores, supermarkets, hospitals, filling stations, and other types of stores and service establishments. All taxes directly associated with the purchase and use of items are included in the index. Prices of food, fuels and a few other items are obtained every month in all 85 locations. Prices of most other commodities and services are collected every month in the five largest geographic areas and every other month in other areas. Prices of most goods and services are obtained by personal visits of the Bureau's trained representatives. Mail questionnaires are used to obtain public utility rates, some fuel prices, and certain other items.

In calculating the index, price changes for the various items in each location are averaged together with weights which represent their importance in the spending of the appropriate population group. Local data are then combined to obtain a U.S. city average. Separate indexes are also published by size of city, by region of the country, for cross-classifications of regions and population-size classes, and for 29 local areas. Area indexes do not measure differences in the level of prices among cities, they only measure the average change in prices for each area since the base period.

The index measures price change from a designated reference date--1982-84 which equals 100.0. An increase of 16.5 percent, for example, is shown as 116.5. This change can also be expressed in dollars as follows: the price of a base period "market basket" of goods and services in the CPI has risen from \$10 in 1982-84 to \$11.65.

For further details see BLS Handbook of Methods, Chapter 19, the Consumer Price Index, Bulletin 2285, April 1988.

Calculating Index Changes

Movements of the indexes from one month to another are usually expressed as percent changes rather than changes in index points, because index point changes are affected by the level of the index in relation to its base period while percent changes are not. The example in the accompanying box illustrates the computation of index point and percent changes.

Percent changes for 3-month and 6-month periods are expressed as annual rates and are computed according to the standard formula for compound growth rates. These data indicate what the percent change would be if the current rate were maintained for a 12-month period.

| Index Point Change | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| CPI | 115.7 |
| Less previous index | 111.2 |
| Equals index point change | 4.5 |
| Percent Change | |
| Index point difference | 4.5 |
| Divided by the previous index | 111.2 |
| Equals | 0.040 |
| Results multiplied by one hundred | 0.040x100 |
| Equals percent change | 4.0 |

Table 1. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group

(1932-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

| CPI-U | Relative importance, December 1990 | Unadjusted indexes | | Unadjusted percent change to | | Seasonally adjusted percent change from | | |
|---|------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|------------------------------|-----------|---|--------------|--------------|
| | | July 1991 | Aug. 1991 | Aug. 1990 | July 1991 | May to June | June to July | July to Aug. |
| Expenditure category | | | | | | | | |
| All items (1982=100) | 100.000 | 136.2 | 136.6 | 3.8 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| All items (1967=100) | | 408.0 | 409.2 | | | | | |
| Food and beverages | 17.706 | 133.3 | 133.6 | | | | | |
| Food | 17.094 | 133.3 | 133.6 | | | | | |
| Food at home | 16.420 | 133.3 | 133.6 | | | | | |
| Cereals and bakery products | 1.358 | 133.3 | 133.6 | | | | | |
| Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs | 3.358 | 133.3 | 133.6 | | | | | |
| Dairy products | 1.358 | 133.3 | 133.6 | | | | | |
| Fruits and vegetables | 1.358 | 133.3 | 133.6 | | | | | |
| Other food at home | 4.418 | 133.3 | 133.6 | | | | | |
| Sugar and sweets | 1.358 | 133.3 | 133.6 | | | | | |
| Fats and oils | 1.358 | 133.3 | 133.6 | | | | | |
| Nonalcoholic beverages | 1.358 | 133.3 | 133.6 | | | | | |
| Other prepared food | 1.358 | 133.3 | 133.6 | | | | | |
| Food away from home | 1.094 | 133.3 | 133.6 | | | | | |
| Alcoholic beverages | 1.18 | 133.3 | 133.6 | | | | | |
| Housing | 41.356 | 133.3 | 133.6 | | | | | |
| Shelter | 41.356 | 133.3 | 133.6 | | | | | |
| Renters' costs | 3.356 | 133.3 | 133.6 | | | | | |
| Rent, residential | 3.356 | 133.3 | 133.6 | | | | | |
| Other renters' costs | 0.000 | 133.3 | 133.6 | | | | | |
| Homeowners' costs | 3.356 | 133.3 | 133.6 | | | | | |
| Owners' equivalent rent | 3.356 | 133.3 | 133.6 | | | | | |
| Household insurance | 1.356 | 133.3 | 133.6 | | | | | |
| Maintenance and repairs | 1.356 | 133.3 | 133.6 | | | | | |
| Maintenance and repair services | 1.356 | 133.3 | 133.6 | | | | | |
| Maintenance and repair commodities | 1.356 | 133.3 | 133.6 | | | | | |
| Fuel and other utilities | 2.000 | 133.3 | 133.6 | | | | | |
| Fuel | 2.000 | 133.3 | 133.6 | | | | | |
| Fuel oil and other household fuel | 0.520 | 87.8 | 87.8 | -4.4 | 0.0 | -1.7 | -1.7 | -1.1 |
| Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) | 3.619 | 115.4 | 116.7 | 2.8 | 1.6 | 1.5 | 1.1 | 1.6 |
| Other utilities and public services | 3.188 | 133.3 | 133.6 | | | | | |
| Household furnishings and operation | 3.356 | 133.3 | 133.6 | | | | | |
| Housefurnishings | 3.356 | 133.3 | 133.6 | | | | | |
| Housekeeping supplies | 3.356 | 133.3 | 133.6 | | | | | |
| Housekeeping services | 3.356 | 133.3 | 133.6 | | | | | |
| Apparel and upkeep | 6.073 | 133.3 | 133.6 | | | | | |
| Apparel commodities | 6.073 | 133.3 | 133.6 | | | | | |
| Men's and boys' apparel | 1.356 | 133.3 | 133.6 | | | | | |
| Women's and girls' apparel | 1.356 | 133.3 | 133.6 | | | | | |
| Infants' and toddlers' apparel | 1.356 | 133.3 | 133.6 | | | | | |
| Footwear | 1.356 | 133.3 | 133.6 | | | | | |
| Other apparel commodities | 1.356 | 133.3 | 133.6 | | | | | |
| Apparel services | 1.356 | 133.3 | 133.6 | | | | | |
| Transportation | 17.796 | 133.3 | 133.6 | | | | | |
| Private transportation | 17.796 | 133.3 | 133.6 | | | | | |
| New vehicles | 1.356 | 133.3 | 133.6 | | | | | |
| Used cars | 1.356 | 133.3 | 133.6 | | | | | |
| Motor fuel | 1.356 | 133.3 | 133.6 | | | | | |
| Gasoline | 1.356 | 133.3 | 133.6 | | | | | |
| Maintenance and repairs | 1.356 | 133.3 | 133.6 | | | | | |
| Other private transportation | 1.356 | 133.3 | 133.6 | | | | | |
| Other private transportation commodities | 1.356 | 133.3 | 133.6 | | | | | |
| Other private transportation services | 1.356 | 133.3 | 133.6 | | | | | |
| Public transportation | 1.356 | 133.3 | 133.6 | | | | | |
| Medical care | 6.387 | 133.3 | 133.6 | | | | | |
| Medical care commodities | 6.387 | 133.3 | 133.6 | | | | | |
| Medical care services | 6.387 | 133.3 | 133.6 | | | | | |
| Professional medical services | 6.387 | 133.3 | 133.6 | | | | | |
| Entertainment | 4.316 | 133.3 | 133.6 | | | | | |
| Entertainment commodities | 4.316 | 133.3 | 133.6 | | | | | |
| Entertainment services | 4.316 | 133.3 | 133.6 | | | | | |
| Other goods and services | 6.387 | 133.3 | 133.6 | | | | | |
| Tobacco and smoking products | 1.356 | 133.3 | 133.6 | | | | | |
| Personal care | 1.356 | 133.3 | 133.6 | | | | | |
| Toilet goods and personal care appliances | 1.356 | 133.3 | 133.6 | | | | | |
| Personal care services | 1.356 | 133.3 | 133.6 | | | | | |
| Personal and educational expenses | 3.356 | 133.3 | 133.6 | | | | | |
| School books and supplies | 3.356 | 133.3 | 133.6 | | | | | |
| Personal and educational services | 3.356 | 133.3 | 133.6 | | | | | |
| Commodity and service group | | | | | | | | |
| All items | 100.000 | | | | | | | |
| Commodities | 78.706 | | | | | | | |
| Food and beverages | 17.706 | | | | | | | |
| Commodities less food and beverages | 61.000 | | | | | | | |
| Durables less food and beverages | 5.112 | | | | | | | |
| Apparel commodities | 6.073 | | | | | | | |
| Durables less food, beverages, and apparel | 1.700 | | | | | | | |
| Services | 21.294 | | | | | | | |
| Rent of shelter | 4.112 | | | | | | | |
| Household services less rent of shelter | 1.780 | | | | | | | |
| Transportation services | 1.356 | | | | | | | |
| Medical care services | 6.387 | | | | | | | |
| Other services | 1.356 | | | | | | | |
| Special indexes | | | | | | | | |
| All items less food | 82.294 | | | | | | | |
| All items less shelter | 82.294 | | | | | | | |
| All items less homeowners' costs | 82.294 | | | | | | | |
| All items less medical care | 82.294 | | | | | | | |
| Commodities less food | 61.000 | | | | | | | |
| Durables less food | 5.112 | | | | | | | |
| Durables less food and apparel | 1.700 | | | | | | | |
| Services less medical care services | 1.356 | | | | | | | |
| Energy | 1.356 | | | | | | | |
| All items less energy | 98.644 | | | | | | | |
| All items less food and energy | 98.644 | | | | | | | |
| Commodities less food and energy | 24.294 | | | | | | | |
| Energy commodities | 4.112 | | | | | | | |
| Services less energy services | 51.093 | | | | | | | |
| Purchasing power of the consumer dollar: | | | | | | | | |
| 1982-84=1.00 | | 0.734 | 0.733 | -3.7 | -1.3 | -1.3 | -1.1 | -1.3 |
| 1967-81=1.00 | | 1.420 | 1.420 | | | | | |

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Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.
Data not available.

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NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

Table 3. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers: Selected areas, all items index
(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

| CPI-U | Area | Pricing schedule 1/ | Indexes | | | | Percent change to Aug. 1991 from- | | | Percent change to July 1991 from- | | |
|---|------|---------------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| | | | May 1991 | June 1991 | July 1991 | Aug. 1991 | Aug. 1990 | June 1991 | July 1991 | July 1990 | May 1991 | June 1991 |
| U.S. city average | | N | 135.6 | 136.0 | 136.2 | 136.6 | 3.8 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 4.4 | 0.4 | 0.1 |
| Region and area size 2/ | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Northeast urban | | N | 135.6 | 136.0 | 136.2 | 136.6 | 3.8 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 4.4 | 0.4 | 0.1 |
| Size A - More than 1,000,000 | | N | 135.6 | 136.0 | 136.2 | 136.6 | 3.8 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 4.4 | 0.4 | 0.1 |
| Size B - 500,000 to 1,000,000 | | N | 135.6 | 136.0 | 136.2 | 136.6 | 3.8 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 4.4 | 0.4 | 0.1 |
| Size C - 50,000 to 500,000 | | N | 135.6 | 136.0 | 136.2 | 136.6 | 3.8 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 4.4 | 0.4 | 0.1 |
| North Central urban | | N | 135.6 | 136.0 | 136.2 | 136.6 | 3.8 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 4.4 | 0.4 | 0.1 |
| Size A - More than 1,000,000 | | N | 135.6 | 136.0 | 136.2 | 136.6 | 3.8 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 4.4 | 0.4 | 0.1 |
| Size B - 500,000 to 1,000,000 | | N | 135.6 | 136.0 | 136.2 | 136.6 | 3.8 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 4.4 | 0.4 | 0.1 |
| Size C - 50,000 to 500,000 | | N | 135.6 | 136.0 | 136.2 | 136.6 | 3.8 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 4.4 | 0.4 | 0.1 |
| Size D - Metropolitan (less than 50,000) | | N | 127.8 | 127.9 | 127.3 | 128.2 | 3.3 | .2 | .7 | 3.8 | .4 | .5 |
| South urban | | N | 135.6 | 136.0 | 136.2 | 136.6 | 3.8 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 4.4 | 0.4 | 0.1 |
| Size A - More than 1,000,000 | | N | 135.6 | 136.0 | 136.2 | 136.6 | 3.8 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 4.4 | 0.4 | 0.1 |
| Size B - 500,000 to 1,000,000 | | N | 135.6 | 136.0 | 136.2 | 136.6 | 3.8 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 4.4 | 0.4 | 0.1 |
| Size C - 50,000 to 500,000 | | N | 135.6 | 136.0 | 136.2 | 136.6 | 3.8 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 4.4 | 0.4 | 0.1 |
| Size D - Metropolitan (less than 50,000) | | N | 130.6 | 131.3 | 131.9 | 132.5 | 3.1 | .9 | .5 | 3.0 | 1.0 | .5 |
| West urban | | N | 135.6 | 136.0 | 136.2 | 136.6 | 3.8 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 4.4 | 0.4 | 0.1 |
| Size A - More than 1,000,000 | | N | 135.6 | 136.0 | 136.2 | 136.6 | 3.8 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 4.4 | 0.4 | 0.1 |
| Size B - 500,000 to 1,000,000 | | N | 135.6 | 136.0 | 136.2 | 136.6 | 3.8 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 4.4 | 0.4 | 0.1 |
| Size C - 50,000 to 500,000 | | N | 135.6 | 136.0 | 136.2 | 136.6 | 3.8 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 4.4 | 0.4 | 0.1 |
| Size classes | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| A 3/ | | N | 135.6 | 136.0 | 136.2 | 136.6 | 3.8 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 4.4 | 0.4 | 0.1 |
| B | | N | 135.6 | 136.0 | 136.2 | 136.6 | 3.8 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 4.4 | 0.4 | 0.1 |
| C | | N | 135.6 | 136.0 | 136.2 | 136.6 | 3.8 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 4.4 | 0.4 | 0.1 |
| Selected local areas | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI | | N | 135.6 | 136.0 | 136.2 | 136.6 | 3.8 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 4.4 | 0.4 | 0.1 |
| Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA | | N | 135.6 | 136.0 | 136.2 | 136.6 | 3.8 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 4.4 | 0.4 | 0.1 |
| N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT | | N | 135.6 | 136.0 | 136.2 | 136.6 | 3.8 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 4.4 | 0.4 | 0.1 |
| Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD | | N | 135.6 | 136.0 | 136.2 | 136.6 | 3.8 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 4.4 | 0.4 | 0.1 |
| San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA | | N | 135.6 | 136.0 | 136.2 | 136.6 | 3.8 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 4.4 | 0.4 | 0.1 |
| Baltimore, MD | | N | 135.6 | 136.0 | 136.2 | 136.6 | 3.8 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 4.4 | 0.4 | 0.1 |
| Boston-Lawrence, MA-NH | | N | 135.6 | 136.0 | 136.2 | 136.6 | 3.8 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 4.4 | 0.4 | 0.1 |
| Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH | | N | 135.6 | 136.0 | 136.2 | 136.6 | 3.8 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 4.4 | 0.4 | 0.1 |
| Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL | | N | 135.6 | 136.0 | 136.2 | 136.6 | 3.8 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 4.4 | 0.4 | 0.1 |
| St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL | | N | 135.6 | 136.0 | 136.2 | 136.6 | 3.8 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 4.4 | 0.4 | 0.1 |
| Washington, DC-MD-VA | | N | 135.6 | 136.0 | 136.2 | 136.6 | 3.8 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 4.4 | 0.4 | 0.1 |
| Dallas-Fort Worth, TX | | N | 135.6 | 136.0 | 136.2 | 136.6 | 3.8 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 4.4 | 0.4 | 0.1 |
| Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI | | N | 135.6 | 136.0 | 136.2 | 136.6 | 3.8 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 4.4 | 0.4 | 0.1 |
| Houston-Galveston-Bradford, TX | | N | 135.6 | 136.0 | 136.2 | 136.6 | 3.8 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 4.4 | 0.4 | 0.1 |
| Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA | | N | 135.6 | 136.0 | 136.2 | 136.6 | 3.8 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 4.4 | 0.4 | 0.1 |

1/ Foods, fuels, and several other items priced every month in all areas; most other goods and services priced as indicated:

N - Every month.
1 - January, March, May, July, September, and November.
2 - February, April, June, August, October, and December.

2/ Regions are defined as the four Census regions.
Indexes on a December 1984=100 base.

3/ Data not available.

NOTE: Local area CPI indexes are byproducts of the national CPI program. Each local index has a smaller sample size than the national index and is, therefore, subject to substantially more sampling and other measurement error. As a result, local area indexes show greater volatility than the national index, although their long-term trends are similar. Therefore, the Bureau of Labor Statistics strongly urges users to consider adopting the national average CPI for use in their escalator clauses.

Table 4. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

| CPI-W | Expenditure category | Relative importance, December 1990 | Unadjusted indexes | | Unadjusted percent change to Aug. 1991 from- | | Seasonally adjusted percent change from- | |
|--|----------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|--|-----------|--|--------------|
| | | | July 1991 | Aug. 1991 | Aug. 1990 | July 1991 | May to June | June to July |
| All items | | 100.000 | 134.3 | 134.6 | 1.6 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| All items (1982-100) | | | 400.0 | 401.0 | | | | |
| Food and beverages | | 10.606 | 136.8 | 136.8 | 3.0 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.1 |
| Food | | 9.857 | 136.8 | 136.8 | 3.0 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.1 |
| Food at home | | 4.322 | 136.8 | 136.8 | 3.0 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.1 |
| Cereals and bakery products 1/ | | 1.614 | 136.8 | 136.8 | 3.0 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.1 |
| Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs | | 3.716 | 136.8 | 136.8 | 3.0 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.1 |
| Dairy products 1/ | | 1.394 | 136.8 | 136.8 | 3.0 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.1 |
| Fruits and vegetables | | 1.927 | 136.8 | 136.8 | 3.0 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.1 |
| Other food at home | | 2.771 | 136.8 | 136.8 | 3.0 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.1 |
| Sugar and sweets 1/ | | 1.385 | 136.8 | 136.8 | 3.0 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.1 |
| Fats and oils 1/ | | 1.310 | 136.8 | 136.8 | 3.0 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.1 |
| Nonalcoholic beverages | | 1.888 | 136.8 | 136.8 | 3.0 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.1 |
| Other prepared food | | 1.182 | 136.8 | 136.8 | 3.0 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.1 |
| Food away from home 1/ | | 1.460 | 136.8 | 136.8 | 3.0 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.1 |
| Alcoholic beverages 1/ | | 1.623 | 136.8 | 136.8 | 3.0 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.1 |
| Housing | | 33.814 | 136.8 | 136.8 | 3.0 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.1 |
| Shelter | | 33.814 | 136.8 | 136.8 | 3.0 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.1 |
| Renters' costs 2/ | | 8.026 | 136.8 | 136.8 | 3.0 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.1 |
| Rent, residential | | 8.026 | 136.8 | 136.8 | 3.0 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.1 |
| Other renters' costs | | 1.643 | 136.8 | 136.8 | 3.0 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.1 |
| Homeowners' costs 2/ | | 1.088 | 136.8 | 136.8 | 3.0 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.1 |
| Owners' equivalent rent 2/ | | 1.776 | 136.8 | 136.8 | 3.0 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.1 |
| Household insurance 1/ 2/ | | 1.322 | 136.8 | 136.8 | 3.0 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.1 |
| Maintenance and repairs 1/ | | 1.107 | 136.8 | 136.8 | 3.0 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.1 |
| Maintenance and repair services 1/ | | 1.107 | 136.8 | 136.8 | 3.0 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.1 |
| Maintenance and repair commodities 1/ | | 1.090 | 136.8 | 136.8 | 3.0 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.1 |
| Fuel and other utilities | | 7.524 | 136.8 | 136.8 | 3.0 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.1 |
| Fuels | | 4.314 | 136.8 | 136.8 | 3.0 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.1 |
| Fuel oil and other household fuel | | 1.473 | 136.8 | 136.8 | 3.0 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.1 |
| Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) | | 3.741 | 136.8 | 136.8 | 3.0 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.1 |
| Other utilities and public services 1/ | | 3.310 | 136.8 | 136.8 | 3.0 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.1 |
| Household furnishings and operation 1/ | | 1.749 | 136.8 | 136.8 | 3.0 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.1 |
| Housefurnishings 1/ | | 1.199 | 136.8 | 136.8 | 3.0 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.1 |
| Housekeeping supplies | | 1.084 | 136.8 | 136.8 | 3.0 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.1 |
| Housekeeping services 1/ | | 1.084 | 136.8 | 136.8 | 3.0 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.1 |
| Apparel and upkeep | | 6.071 | 136.8 | 136.8 | 3.0 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.1 |
| Apparel commodities | | 5.448 | 136.8 | 136.8 | 3.0 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.1 |
| Men's and boys' apparel | | 1.437 | 136.8 | 136.8 | 3.0 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.1 |
| Women's and girls' apparel | | 2.823 | 136.8 | 136.8 | 3.0 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.1 |
| Infants' and toddlers' apparel 1/ | | 1.188 | 136.8 | 136.8 | 3.0 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.1 |
| Footwear | | 1.011 | 136.8 | 136.8 | 3.0 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.1 |
| Other apparel commodities 1/ | | 1.011 | 136.8 | 136.8 | 3.0 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.1 |
| Apparel services | | 1.523 | 136.8 | 136.8 | 3.0 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.1 |
| Transportation | | 13.802 | 136.8 | 136.8 | 3.0 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.1 |
| Private transportation | | 13.802 | 136.8 | 136.8 | 3.0 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.1 |
| New vehicles | | 1.611 | 136.8 | 136.8 | 3.0 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.1 |
| Used cars | | 1.001 | 136.8 | 136.8 | 3.0 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.1 |
| Motor fuel | | 1.000 | 136.8 | 136.8 | 3.0 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.1 |
| Gasoline | | 1.567 | 136.8 | 136.8 | 3.0 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.1 |
| Maintenance and repairs 1/ | | 1.135 | 136.8 | 136.8 | 3.0 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.1 |
| Other private transportation commodities 1/ | | 1.866 | 136.8 | 136.8 | 3.0 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.1 |
| Other private transportation services | | 4.269 | 136.8 | 136.8 | 3.0 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.1 |
| Public transportation 1/ | | 1.191 | 136.8 | 136.8 | 3.0 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.1 |
| Medical care | | 5.407 | 136.8 | 136.8 | 3.0 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.1 |
| Medical care commodities | | 1.290 | 136.8 | 136.8 | 3.0 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.1 |
| Medical care services | | 4.117 | 136.8 | 136.8 | 3.0 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.1 |
| Professional medical services | | 2.647 | 136.8 | 136.8 | 3.0 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.1 |
| Entertainment 1/ | | 3.984 | 136.8 | 136.8 | 3.0 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.1 |
| Entertainment commodities 1/ | | 1.887 | 136.8 | 136.8 | 3.0 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.1 |
| Entertainment services 1/ | | 2.097 | 136.8 | 136.8 | 3.0 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.1 |
| Other goods and services | | 6.317 | 136.8 | 136.8 | 3.0 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.1 |
| Tobacco and smoking products | | 1.028 | 136.8 | 136.8 | 3.0 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.1 |
| Personal care 1/ | | 1.147 | 136.8 | 136.8 | 3.0 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.1 |
| Toilet goods and personal care appliances 1/ | | 1.651 | 136.8 | 136.8 | 3.0 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.1 |
| Personal care services 1/ | | 1.496 | 136.8 | 136.8 | 3.0 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.1 |
| Personal and educational expenses | | 3.141 | 136.8 | 136.8 | 3.0 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.1 |
| School books and supplies | | 2.204 | 136.8 | 136.8 | 3.0 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.1 |
| Personal and educational services | | 2.937 | 136.8 | 136.8 | 3.0 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.1 |
| Commodity and service group | | | | | | | | |
| All items | | 100.000 | | | | | | |
| Commodities | | 49.347 | | | | | | |
| Food and beverages | | 10.606 | | | | | | |
| Commodities less food and beverages | | 38.741 | | | | | | |
| Durable goods less food and beverages 1/ | | 5.548 | | | | | | |
| Apparel commodities | | 5.548 | | | | | | |
| Durable goods less food, beverages, and apparel 1/ | | 12.509 | | | | | | |
| Services | | 12.088 | | | | | | |
| Rent of shelter 1/ 2/ | | 8.026 | | | | | | |
| Household services less rent of shelter 2/ | | 4.062 | | | | | | |
| Transportation services | | 8.592 | | | | | | |
| Medical care services | | 7.022 | | | | | | |
| Other services | | 4.496 | | | | | | |
| Special indexes | | | | | | | | |
| All items less food | | 89.394 | | | | | | |
| All items less shelter | | 91.168 | | | | | | |
| All items less homeowners' costs 2/ | | 91.903 | | | | | | |
| All items less medical care | | 94.593 | | | | | | |
| Commodities less food | | 31.164 | | | | | | |
| Durable goods less food 1/ | | 25.550 | | | | | | |
| Durable goods less food and apparel 1/ | | 20.002 | | | | | | |
| Services less rent of shelter 1/ | | 41.992 | | | | | | |
| Services less medical care services | | 33.576 | | | | | | |
| Energy | | 9.910 | | | | | | |
| All items less energy | | 90.090 | | | | | | |
| All items less food and energy | | 79.784 | | | | | | |
| Commodities less food and energy | | 21.154 | | | | | | |
| Energy commodities | | 9.910 | | | | | | |
| Services less energy services | | 46.912 | | | | | | |
| Purchasing power of the consumer dollar: | | | | | | | | |
| 1982-84=100 1/ | | | 9.745 | 9.743 | -3.5 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 1.3 |
| 1987=100 1/ | | | 250 | 249 | | | | |

1/ Not seasonally adjusted.
2/ Indexes on a December 1984=100 base.
Data not available.

NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

Table 5. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group

(1982=100, unless otherwise noted)

| CPI-W | Seasonally adjusted indexes | | | | | Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for | | | | |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|--|------|----------|-------------------------|----------|
| | May 1991 | June 1991 | July 1991 | Aug 1991 | Nov 1990 | 3 months ended- 1991 | 1991 | Aug 1991 | 6 months ended- 1991 | Aug 1991 |
| Expenditure category | | | | | | | | | | |
| All items | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| Food and beverages | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| Food | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| Food at home | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| Cereals and bakery products | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| Dairy products | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| Fruits and vegetables | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| Other food at home | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| Sugar and sweets | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| Fats and oils | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| Alcoholic beverages | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| Other prepared food | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| Food away from home | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| Alcoholic beverages | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| Housing | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| Shelter | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| Renters' costs | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| Best residential | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| Other renters' costs | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| Homeowners' costs | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| Owners' equivalent rent | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| Household insurance | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| Maintenance and repairs | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| Maintenance and repair services | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| Maintenance and repair commodities | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| Fuel and other utilities | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| Fuels | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| Fuel oil and other household fuel | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| Other utilities and public services | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| Household furnishings and operation | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| Household furnishings | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| Housekeeping supplies | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| Housekeeping services | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| Apparel and upkeep | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| Apparel commodities | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| Men's and boys' apparel | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| Women's and girls' apparel | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| Infants' and toddlers' apparel | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| Footwear | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| Other apparel commodities | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| Apparel services | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| Transportation | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| Private transportation | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| New vehicles | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| Used cars | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| Motor fuel | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| Gasoline | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| Maintenance and repairs | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| Other private transportation | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| Other private transportation commodities | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| Other private transportation services | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| Public transportation | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| Medical care | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| Medical care commodities | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| Medical care services | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| Professional medical services | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| Entertainment | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| Entertainment commodities | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| Entertainment services | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| Other goods and services | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| Tobacco and smoking products | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| Personal care | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| Toilet goods and personal care appliances | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| Personal care services | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| Personal educational expenses | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| School books and supplies | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| Personal and educational services | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| Commodity and service group | | | | | | | | | | |
| All items | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| Commodities | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| Food and beverages | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| Commodities less food and beverages | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| Durables less food and beverages | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| Apparel commodities | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| Durables less apparel | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| Durables | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| Services | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| Rent of shelter | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| Household services less rent | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| Transportation services | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| Medical care services | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| Other services | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| Special indexes | | | | | | | | | | |
| All items less food | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| All items less shelter | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| All items less homeowners' costs | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| All items less medical care | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| Commodities less food | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| Durables less food | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| Durables less food and apparel | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| Durables | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| Services less rent of shelter | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| Services less medical care services | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| Energy | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| All items less food and energy | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| Commodities less food and energy | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| Energy commodities | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| Services less energy services | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 |

1/ Not seasonally adjusted.
Indexes on a December 1984=100 base.
Data not available.

NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

Table 6. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers: Selected areas, all items index (1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

| CPI-W Area | Pricing schedule | Indexes | | | | Percent change to Aug. 1991 from: | | | Percent change to July 1991 from: | | |
|---|------------------|---------|-------|-------|-------|-----------------------------------|------|------|-----------------------------------|------|------|
| | | 1981 | 1987 | 1991 | 1991 | 1980 | 1987 | 1991 | 1980 | 1987 | 1991 |
| U.S. city average | M | 133.8 | 134.1 | 134.3 | 134.6 | 3.6 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 4.4 | 0.4 | 0.1 |
| Region and area size 2/ | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Northeast urban | M | 134.0 | 134.5 | 134.7 | 135.0 | 3.6 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 4.4 | 0.5 | 0.1 |
| Size A - More than 1,000,000 | M | 134.0 | 134.5 | 134.7 | 135.0 | 3.6 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 4.4 | 0.5 | 0.1 |
| Size B - 500,000 to 1,000,000 | M | 134.0 | 134.5 | 134.7 | 135.0 | 3.6 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 4.4 | 0.5 | 0.1 |
| Size C - 50,000 to 500,000 | M | 134.0 | 134.5 | 134.7 | 135.0 | 3.6 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 4.4 | 0.5 | 0.1 |
| North Central urban | M | 133.9 | 134.2 | 134.4 | 134.7 | 3.6 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 4.4 | 0.4 | 0.1 |
| Size A - More than 1,000,000 | M | 133.9 | 134.2 | 134.4 | 134.7 | 3.6 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 4.4 | 0.4 | 0.1 |
| Size B - 500,000 to 1,000,000 | M | 133.9 | 134.2 | 134.4 | 134.7 | 3.6 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 4.4 | 0.4 | 0.1 |
| Size C - 50,000 to 500,000 | M | 133.9 | 134.2 | 134.4 | 134.7 | 3.6 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 4.4 | 0.4 | 0.1 |
| Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) | M | 127.5 | 127.6 | 127.1 | 127.9 | 3.2 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 4.0 | 0.3 | 0.4 |
| South urban | M | 133.8 | 134.1 | 134.3 | 134.6 | 3.6 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 4.4 | 0.4 | 0.1 |
| Size A - More than 1,000,000 | M | 133.8 | 134.1 | 134.3 | 134.6 | 3.6 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 4.4 | 0.4 | 0.1 |
| Size B - 500,000 to 1,000,000 | M | 133.8 | 134.1 | 134.3 | 134.6 | 3.6 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 4.4 | 0.4 | 0.1 |
| Size C - 50,000 to 500,000 | M | 133.8 | 134.1 | 134.3 | 134.6 | 3.6 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 4.4 | 0.4 | 0.1 |
| Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) | M | 131.1 | 131.8 | 132.3 | 132.9 | 3.0 | 0.8 | 0.5 | 3.0 | 0.9 | 0.4 |
| West urban | M | 133.9 | 134.2 | 134.4 | 134.7 | 3.6 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 4.4 | 0.4 | 0.1 |
| Size A - More than 1,000,000 | M | 133.9 | 134.2 | 134.4 | 134.7 | 3.6 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 4.4 | 0.4 | 0.1 |
| Size C - 50,000 to 500,000 | M | 133.9 | 134.2 | 134.4 | 134.7 | 3.6 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 4.4 | 0.4 | 0.1 |
| Size classes | | | | | | | | | | | |
| A 2/ | M | 133.8 | 134.1 | 134.3 | 134.6 | 3.6 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 4.4 | 0.4 | 0.1 |
| B 2/ | M | 133.8 | 134.1 | 134.3 | 134.6 | 3.6 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 4.4 | 0.4 | 0.1 |
| C 2/ | M | 133.8 | 134.1 | 134.3 | 134.6 | 3.6 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 4.4 | 0.4 | 0.1 |
| Selected local areas | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI | M | 133.9 | 134.2 | 134.4 | 134.7 | 3.6 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 4.4 | 0.4 | 0.1 |
| Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA | M | 133.9 | 134.2 | 134.4 | 134.7 | 3.6 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 4.4 | 0.4 | 0.1 |
| N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT | M | 133.9 | 134.2 | 134.4 | 134.7 | 3.6 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 4.4 | 0.4 | 0.1 |
| Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-DJ-DE-MD | M | 133.9 | 134.2 | 134.4 | 134.7 | 3.6 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 4.4 | 0.4 | 0.1 |
| San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA | M | 133.9 | 134.2 | 134.4 | 134.7 | 3.6 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 4.4 | 0.4 | 0.1 |
| Baltimore, MD | M | 133.9 | 134.2 | 134.4 | 134.7 | 3.6 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 4.4 | 0.4 | 0.1 |
| Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH | M | 133.9 | 134.2 | 134.4 | 134.7 | 3.6 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 4.4 | 0.4 | 0.1 |
| Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH | M | 133.9 | 134.2 | 134.4 | 134.7 | 3.6 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 4.4 | 0.4 | 0.1 |
| Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL | M | 133.9 | 134.2 | 134.4 | 134.7 | 3.6 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 4.4 | 0.4 | 0.1 |
| St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL | M | 133.9 | 134.2 | 134.4 | 134.7 | 3.6 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 4.4 | 0.4 | 0.1 |
| Washington, DC-MD-VA | M | 133.9 | 134.2 | 134.4 | 134.7 | 3.6 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 4.4 | 0.4 | 0.1 |
| Dallas-Fort Worth, TX | M | 133.9 | 134.2 | 134.4 | 134.7 | 3.6 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 4.4 | 0.4 | 0.1 |
| Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI | M | 133.9 | 134.2 | 134.4 | 134.7 | 3.6 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 4.4 | 0.4 | 0.1 |
| Houston-Galveston-Beaumont, TX | M | 133.9 | 134.2 | 134.4 | 134.7 | 3.6 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 4.4 | 0.4 | 0.1 |
| Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA | M | 133.9 | 134.2 | 134.4 | 134.7 | 3.6 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 4.4 | 0.4 | 0.1 |

1/ Foods, fuels, and several other items priced every month in all areas; most other goods and services priced as indicated:
 M - Every month.
 1 - January, March, May, July, September, and November.
 2 - February, April, June, August, October, and December.
 2/ Regions are defined as the 1992 Census regions.
 Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.
 Data not available.

NOTE: Local area CPI indexes are byproducts of the national CPI program. Each local index has a smaller sample size than the national index and is, therefore, subject to substantially more sampling and other measurement error. As a result, local area indexes show greater volatility than the national index, although their long-term trends are similar. Therefore, the Bureau of Labor Statistics strongly urges users to consider adopting the national average CPI for use in their escalator clauses.

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